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END RUN SURE TO BE CLOSE RACE IN PSL

Canberra City could act as the catalyst to decide which two teams will be relegated from the Philips League.

They are yet to play four of the five teams in the danger zone.

As usual, it's almost impossible to predict the final outcome.

However, looking at the remainder of the PSL program — see box below — Brisbane City's chances seem the best and St.George's the worst.

Brisbane City have three home matches and they can win them all — or at least two; one of their away games is in Brisbane against Lions.

Leichhardt have four home games to come where they are likely to pick up about four points and may also expect one at Blacktown.

West Adelaide, also with four home matches, is probably counting on five points or so.

Blacktown should be able to gather in about three or four points at home.

St.George have the toughest draw: three home games, two against Heidelberg and Marconi and four away matches, all against teams well above them.

According to our calculations, even 17 points may be enough to escape relegation — 18 for sure.

Peter Katholos St.George

Frank Pimblett Brisbane City

Brian O'Donnell Blacktown

Vic Bozanic West Adelaide

Rod Skellern Leichhardt

Purely for the sake of sticking our neck out once again, this is how we expect the bottom of the PSL table to read after the 26th round:

10. Brisbane City	20pts
11. Leichhardt	19pts
12. West Adelaide	17pts
13. Blacktown	17pts
14. St.George	15pts

ST.GEORGE (11pts):
Lions — **Marconi** — Newcastle — **Heidelberg** — South Melbourne — **West Adelaide** — Sydney City.

WEST ADELAIDE (12pts):
Leichhardt — Brisbane City — **Canberra** — Footscray — **Adelaide City** — St.George — **Marconi.**

BLACKTOWN (14pts):
Sydney City — **Lions** — **Leichhardt** — Brisbane City — **Canberra** — Footscray — **Adelaide City.**

LEICHHARDT (14pts):
Footscray — West Adelaide — **Sydney City** — Blacktown — **Lions** — **Brisbane City** — Canberra — **Footscray.**

BRISBANE CITY (15pts):
South Melbourne — **West Adelaide** — Sydney City — **Blacktown** — Leichhardt — Lions — **Canberra.**

Matches against teams set bold: at home.

OLE! MEXICO HERE FOR TWO GAMES

Mexico, almost perennial members of the exclusive World Cup finals club, will play the Socceroos twice in August.

The first match is set down for Thursday night, August 21 at Melbourne Olympic Park and the second for Sunday at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Mexicans will be on their way to Indonesia and the Australian stop-over came about when Chile's tour had to be cancelled under political pressure.

Round 22 of the Philips League will be torn apart to make room for the second Mexican match.

Of the seven games scheduled for that weekend only three may be played: South Melbourne v Footscray, West Adelaide v Canberra and Newcastle v St.George.

The other four are likely to be postponed because of the involvement of national team players and clash of programs in Sydney.

Mexico is the strongest team in the Central America-North American Confederation and, as such, usually reach the finals of the World Cups.

Many of their leading club teams, such as Atlante, America, UNAM, Guadalajara University, Toluca and Cruz Azul, are strong combinations — liberally sprinkled with expatriate Brazilians, Argentinians and others.

Their national team represents only average class, perhaps a goal or two better than Canada and the USA.

However, last January at Leon, they beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 before they came to Australia.

Lions' tall striker John Verweij (right) being challenged for the ball by Sydney City's Steve O'Connor.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY	18	12	3	3	35	15	+20	27	9	6	2	1	21	9	14	9	6	1	2	14	6	13
2 (2) HEIDELBERG	18	10	4	4	39	23	+16	24	9	7	1	1	29	11	15	9	3	3	3	10	12	9
3 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE	18	11	2	5	29	15	+14	24	9	6	2	1	17	6	14	9	5	—	4	12	9	10
4 (4) ADELAIDE CITY	19	10	3	6	33	20	+13	23	10	6	3	1	18	6	15	9	4	—	5	15	14	8
5 (5) MARCONI	18	9	4	5	37	23	+14	22	9	5	3	1	24	9	13	9	4	1	4	13	14	9
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	18	6	8	4	24	21	+ 3	20	8	4	2	2	10	7	10	10	2	6	2	14	14	10
7 (7) CANBERRA	19	7	4	8	29	22	+ 7	18	10	3	2	5	13	14	8	9	4	2	3	16	8	10
8 (9) NEWCASTLE	18	7	4	7	18	23	− 5	18	9	4	2	3	8	10	10	9	3	2	4	10	13	8
9 (8) FOOTSCRAY	18	5	6	7	26	31	− 5	16	9	4	1	4	16	16	9	9	1	5	3	10	15	7
10(10) BRISBANE CITY	19	4	7	8	21	24	− 3	15	10	4	2	4	15	9	10	9	—	5	4	6	15	5
11(11) LEICHHARDT	18	6	2	10	17	29	−12	14	9	5	2	2	11	11	12	9	1	—	8	6	18	2
12(13) BLACKTOWN	19	6	2	11	26	45	−19	14	9	5	1	3	19	13	11	10	1	1	8	7	32	3
13(12) WEST ADELAIDE	19	5	2	12	17	35	−18	12	9	5	2	2	10	8	12	10	—	—	10	7	27	—
14(14) ST. GEORGE	19	4	3	12	23	48	−25	11	10	2	2	6	11	23	6	9	2	1	6	12	25	5

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***WEST ST. GEORGE** (5th div.) earned their best win of the season with a 4-0 thumping of Fairfield West. The opening 20 minutes were quite even, although Fairfield were reduced to 10 men when a player was dismissed for foul play. In the 25th minute Andy Piggott opened the scoring with a low drive, that being the only goal by halftime. The second half was all St.George and the second goal came in the 62nd minute when defender Simon Flack scored from a corner. Fairfield's only chance to get back in the game went when they blasted a penalty over the bar. In the 80th minute 'big fellow' Don Killin took the ball down the right wing, evaded the charging 'keeper, cut in and placed the ball in an empty net. Allan Piggott completed the rout with a penalty five minutes later. Fairfield's woes were completed when a second player was dismissed late in the second half. Reserves gained revenge for their first round defeat with a 4-1 victory, scorers being Bob Chambers (2), Russell Beckett and Ross Rooke with a penalty.*

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***CONCORDIA's** (5th div.) committee is very pleased with the effort the players have put in these last few weeks, especially in last week's match against joint leaders Fairfield West, defeating them to regain the lead. Last weekend's matches against Pagewood were postponed. The return of strikers Nelson Rose and George Kreiza from injury after a four-week lay-off has helped strengthen the team, as had the return to form of coach-midfielder John Cudek.*

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***GUILDFORD COUNTY** (2nd div.) played Gladesville-Hornsby last Saturday on a ground that was closely related to a mudheap in the centre and it was obvious that good football was impossible. Gladesville adapted themselves well to the conditions early and they were rewarded by scoring the first two goals of the game. The first came through the Guildford 'keeper not being able to hold a back-pass and a Gladesville player, following up, hit it to the back of the net. Their second was a cracker, from 16 metres out. Then Guildford started to find their web feet and Paul Thomas took the ball down the left flank and crossed it deep into the goalmouth where Martyn Hoare tapped it home. Five minutes from halftime Paul Thomas, once again, went on a raid holding the ball, splitting the defence, and hit a great goal low down. Twenty minutes into the second half, Martyn Hoare latched onto a pass and drove home Guildford's third goal for a final score of 3-2. In the second and third grades, Gladesville were too strong and scored two good wins.*

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***QUEENS PARK** (2nd div.) scored a convincing win last Saturday, their first in five matches, at Guildford Park, a ground which seems to favour them more than Erskineville Oval. Playing in wet conditions, Queens Park settled down sooner than Dee Why and had several good attacking moves within the first 10 minutes. From one of these came the first goal. A solo run down the left wing by Tommy Sweeney gave him the chance to put over a low hard cross and Mick Cronshaw lunged forward to knock the ball into the net. This early goal gave the Park the incentive they needed to continue to play attacking football. The midfield trio of Sweeney, Chapman and Mitchell stamped their authority on the game and created several chances for the forward line. Late in the first half, following another cross from the left wing by John Brown, the ball was headed on by Nigel Oldham, who soared up with a defender; the ball was controlled by Mick Cronshaw, who poked the ball in from close range. In the second half, Queens Park lost some of their control of the game and let Dee Why take the play to them, and they squandered several attacking moves. However, a third goal did come and what a brilliant one it was. A powerful header from Russell Chapman went wide only to be collected by Nigel Oldham and with a defender close to him and with his back to goal, he turned and blasted the ball into the net from a very acute angle. Dee Why scored a consolation goal following a freekick which deflected off a Park player in the defensive 'wall'. All three grades won on this day, a feat which has not been achieved by Queens Park for several years. Congratulations to the third grade in particular for their 1-0 win and to the second grade for a splendid 4-3 win. In their double header on Sunday against Campbelltown City at Lynwood Park, they picked up two first grade points with a 1-0 win and one second grade pont with a 1-1 draw.*

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***GLENQUARRIE UNITED** (6th div.) turned the tables on Moorebank. In very wet conditions reserve grade was played at a very hard pace with neither sides giving an inch and both defences playing tight football. The goal that gave the Gunners the game was scored by Andy Davis in the last minutes of the game. The first grade won 3-1 after some very anxious moments as Moorebank went to the lead of 1-0 13 minutes into the match after the Gunner's goalkeeper was caught off his line. Twelve minutes into the second half Moorebank's 'keeper made a similar mistake to let Harold Gosche even the score for the Gunners. Three minutes later a penalty for Glenquarrie was converted by Tony Wood to give them a lead of 2-1, inspiring them to keep up the attack. The pressure continued and with five minutes to go, Peter O'Halloran scored to give Glenquarrie a 3-1 win.*

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***LETHBRIDGE RANGERS** (2nd div.) played away to North Bankstown at Potts Park last weekend. The first half proved to be hard and tight except for Bankstown's early goal after a goalmouth scramble. Being 1-0 down, 20 minutes into the second half, Rangers came back with a cracking goal from outside the box scored by Shaun McElduff. The match continued to be very tight and close and with five minutes to go, Lethbridge's Shaun McElduff got the winning goal by cashing in on a loose ball from a freekick just outside the box. Young Peter Kerrigan, 16, played in all three grades, with seven third graders doubling up for the second grade to fill the required six under-21 quota...*

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***LIVERPOOL RANGERS** (6th div.) played entertaining soccer in the first half of the game against Chullora. Neither side was willing to give anything away as the halftime score of 0-0 indicated. At the start of the second half, chances were missed by both sides with Rangers goalkeeper making some outstanding saves to keep his team in the game. In the 57th minute Michael Pezzementi pushed a good through ball to Ken Wilkins, who ran onto the ball scoring with a low angled shot. Rangers continued the pressure in the second half. Outstanding players for Rangers were M. Pezzementi, K. Wilkins, G. Baxter, R. Radilino.*

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***MACCABI** (5th div.) with a very even first half in their match against Camden were fortunate to clear a shot off the line just before halftime. Goals for Maccabi's 2-0 win were scored by David Streichler. The first was from a through ball by Tony Schwartz to Ron Silvers who crossed it to Streichler to tap in. His second goal came from an opposition defensive mistake to allow him to put the ball past the 'keeper. Outstanding players for Maccabi were Geoff Tofler, first grade midfielder and Ken Harrison, defender. Reserve grade led 1-0 at halftime but allowed Camden to get on top in the second half to score three goals.*

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***BONDI MARINES** (3rd div.) suffered a disastrous weekend playing two games and losing both. On Saturday Bondi went down 1-3 to North Ryde with all goals being scored in the first half. North Ryde ran amok and were three goals up within 25 minutes and just before halftime Dave McAusland scored the only goal for Bondi. The second half was mostly Bondi but goals were scarce and the game finished in favour of the visitors. On Sunday Bondi visited Bonnyrigg Eagles and again finished the game pointless, going down 3-2. Bonnyrigg started on top and dominated the first half but persistent play by Bondi saw the Eagles on the defence and were forced to a 2-2 score with 20 minutes to go. Martin Bazi scored the first goals for the Eagles and the winning goal was scored by Tony Oshana. For Bondi Les Walker scored just before halftime and Terry Hales made it 2-2 when he pushed the ball in the goal after a scramble. Sad news for Bondi came with the passing away of the long standing club president Dudley Page.*

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***RYDE DISTRICT** (4th div.) caused an upset by defeating Eastwood 2-0 in a game that belonged to Ryde throughout. Warren Dunn received the ball from a pass by Geoff Loone and inside the penalty area hammered it in for the first and only goal of the first half. After the interval persistent attacks by Ryde were rewarded by a second goal which came through a series of passes finishing with Keith Burton. The winning Ryde side contained a few club district players and two under-15s who are duly registered for the club. The all-age players who gave good performances were Geoff Loone, Martin Cooper and Eric Menzies. The club's good wishes go to Ian Reid and Andrew McIntosh, the two under-15s with a great future.*

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***REVESBY ROVERS** (4th div.) went up and away from the relegation zone by taking three points from the table leaders Eastern Creek. The two sides played together twice last weekend, one game being a deferred match. In the 1-0 win, Revesby's winning goal came from Ken Ellis and on Sunday the side finished with a 1-1 draw. Revesby scored first through Neil Marshall and Eastern Creek equalised in the second half through a penalty.*

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***LIVERPOOL ALBIONS** (3rd div.) travelled to St.John's Oval, the home ground of Sydney Uni. on Saturday and were lucky to scrape through with a 2-1 win with the winning goal coming just before the final whistle. The first half was played with some hard tackles which produced one goal, scored in the 44th minute when, after a full team effort, Steven Bowers slipped the ball past the University 'keeper. After the interval Sydney University came back and equalised when Tim Chate passed a couple of defenders and from 40 metres hit the ball into the top left corner. Liverpool Albion's second goal came from a header by Bob McDougall from a fine corner kick taken by Steven Bowers.*

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

A hat-trick by Paul Scheinflug against University of NSW kept leaders Marconi two points ahead at the top of the table.

Marconi could have forged further ahead but they lost their game against Leichhardt by the odd goal. Scheinflug scored their only goal in this game but Samuels and Morsello made sure of two points for Leichhardt.

Yet, Leichhardt who also played twice this weekend, became unstuck against bottom team Warringah on Sunday and were demolished to the tune of 5-0.

Scott Beverley had a feast with four goals which almost doubled the Warringah goal scoring average apart from being the team's first win of the season.

Yugal, laying the foundation for next season, again won their game against Sydney City despite the fact that City had Todd Clarke in goal.

Lowly Belmore was lucky to force a draw against Blacktown United who had a good game but squandered a lot of chances that could have given it both points.

The students from Uni of NSW seem to have lost their rhythm losing in midweek to Blacktown City and then fell down badly against Marconi on Sunday.

Penrith, fighting for survival fought well to score an upset win over Revesby. Tom Morrow put Revesby in front early but Penrith hit back to level the score before halftime with a goal by Kelly and Hackney scored in the second half to keep both points at home.

WARRINGAH v LEICHHARDT 5-0

Warringah: Robins, Duncan, Carpenter, Rice (Sandtner), Van der Saag, Euers, Scott, Sturgess (Collins), B. Beverley, Griffiths, S. Beverley. **Coach:** Z. Napta.

LEICHHARDT: Burnett, Da Costa, Brown, Gray, Casachia, Watt, Ius (Bass), Triantafyllou (Davanzo), Gaitatzis, De Ciglie. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Goals: S. Beverley (4, incl. pen.), Griffiths.

MARCONI v LEICHHARDT 1-2

Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Masonwells, Colderan, Morson, Svarc, Delusse, Tomasich, Kelly (Baleman), Scheinflug, Colusso. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Leichhardt: Hoare, Da Costa, Brown, De Ciglie, Casachia, Watt, Ius, Gaitatzis, Savidis, Samuels, Morsello. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Goals: Scheinflug; Samuels, Morsello.

PENRITH v REVESBY 2-1

Penrith: Gibson, Rhodes, T. Thoms, Gaskin, Dunn, Kelly, Hackney, G. Bemer, Demattia (Hobart), K. Thomas, Lewis (Egar). **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
Revesby: J. Cabone, Admas, Hargreaves, Larkins, Pittman, Butler, Gill (Parkinson), T. Cabone, Mitford, Morrow, McGovern (Mackin). **Coach:** L. Dobbin.
Goals: Kelly, Hackney; Morrow.

YUGAL v SYDNEY CITY 2-1

Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, Mihajlovic, Travini, Kapista (O'Brien), Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Sydney City: Clarke, Sorge, Svynos, Fonesca, Rogers, Spanos, Borges, Henry, Milidinski, Lee, Silva. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Goals: Mihajlovic, Rodas; Milidinski.

BELMORE v BLACKTOWN UNITED 1-1

Belmore: Hawthorne, Cruger, Martin, Lambert, Roberts, De Mestre, Kirwin, Graham Billinghurst, Gary Billinghurst, Murray, Reynolds. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Blacktown United: Warren, Sutton, Eldridge, Ber, Hannish, Crone, Clarke, Svarc, De Valle, Taylor, Milakovic (Murray). **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Goals: Roberts (pen.); Clarke.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW v BLACKTOWN CITY 3-4

Uni of NSW: Not available.
Blacktown City: James, Rasmussen, Wilkinson, Stowell, Turnbull, Manning, Dolton, Cuff, Pearson, Batten, Landon. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Goals: Landon (2), Rasmussen, Batten.

MARCONI v UNIVERSITY OF NSW 3-0

Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Masonwells, Colderan, Morson, Svarc, Delusse, Tomasich, Kelly, Scheinflug, Colusso (Polzot). **Coach:** L. Nesti.

Love, not war

The advent of the Brunswick Juventus Club at the Brunswick Oval this year has been welcomed by the Brunswick V.F.A. Club as the best thing that ever happened in Brunswick since button up boots.

Mayor of Brunswick, Harold Jury said as a guest of honour at a luncheon at the Oval, that the V.F.A. club would cry if ever the Juventus club left the ground.

Similar links are occurring elsewhere for the better use of the sporting facilities.

At Kew, the friendly gesture by North Kew president, Ron Risely for the use of their club rooms during the Kew Park Rangers official opening night, has led to further acknowledgement of one another in the future.

This demonstrates that the V.F.L. 'war' is not operative within the Victorian Football Association.

— Jock Stephen

Last week

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Parramatta v Monaro	2-2	—	—
Manly v Sydney Olympic	1-4	0-1	2-0
Bankstown v Auburn	0-2	1-2	0-2
Cant.M'ville v Arncliffe	1-1	2-1	1-1

DIVISION 1

Marconi v Leichhardt	1-2	—	—
Yugal v Sydney City	2-1	—	—
Belmore v Blackt'n Utd.	1-1	0-5	2-0
Warringah v Leichhardt	5-0	0-1	1-2
Marconi v Uni of NSW	3-0	1-0	*
Penrith v Revesby	2-1	1-2	0-1
Uni NSW v Blackt.City	3-4	2-5	—

* Forfeit to Marconi (Uni could not field a team.)

DIVISION 2

Nth.Bankst. v Lethbridge	1-2	2-0	5-1
Glad.Hornsby v Guildford	2-3	3-0	4-1
Lane Cove v Glad.Ravens	0-2	0-2	1-2
Queens Park v Dee Why	3-1	4-3	1-0
Glad.Ravens v Lane Cove	3-1	2-0	3-0
Camp'town v Queens Pk.	0-1	1-1	2-0
Marrickville v Dee Why	0-0	—	—

DIVISION 3

Syd.Uni. v L'pool Albions	1-2	1-3	
Artarmon v Riverstone	1-2	1-3	
Pt.Hacking v Wenty	1-1	1-0	
Bondi v Nth.Ryde	1-3	1-0	
Bonnyrigg v Bondi	3-2	0-1	
West Ryde v Hurstville	3-5	2-2	
Kingsford v Nth.Ryde	2-2	2-1	

DIVISION 4

Chelsea v Paddington	0-1	2-0
Eastern Creek v Revesby	0-1	2-0
Padstow v Maroubra	5-2	2-0
Ryde Dist. v Eastwood	2-0	1-1
Revesby v Eastern Creek	1-1	1-0
Fairfield v Maroubra	2-0	2-1
Canley Hts. v W.Holroyd	1-3	4-1

DIVISION 5

Edensor Pk v Auburn Jnr	3-0	2-0
Macq.Uni v Nth.Rocks	1-1	1-2
Camden v Syd. Maccabi	0-2	3-1
Winston Hills v Haberfld.	1-4	*
W.St.Geo.v Fairfld West	4-0	4-1

* Forfeit to Winston Hills (Haberfield could not field a team.)

DIVISION 6

Hawkesbury v Bankst'n	2-1	3-0
Blacktown v L'pool City	4-1	0-1
Glenquarrie v Moorebnk.	3-1	1-0
Sth.Sydney v Green Vall.	1-4	0-5

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DIVISION 2

Gladesville Ravens v Yagoona, Sat., Peel Park; Lane Cove v North Bankstown, Sun., Pottery Green; Lethbridge Rangers v Gladesville Hornsby, Sun., Popondetta Park; Guildford County v Queens Park E/S, Sun., Guildford Park; Dee Why v Baulkham Hills, Sun., Dee Why Oval; Marrickville v Campbelltown, Sat., Mackey Park; Lethbridge v Lane Cove, Sat., Popondetta.

DIVISION 3

North Ryde v Sydney Uni., Sun., North Ryde Oval; Liverpool Albions v Artarmon, Sun., Stanwell Oval; Riverstone v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Sun., Schofields Park; Bondi Marines v Hurstville-Zagreb, Sat., Waverley Oval; Wenty Waratahs v Kingsford, Sat., Centenary Park; Port Hacking v West Ryde, Sat., Seymour Shaw Park.

DIVISION 4

Maroubra United v Ryde Dist., Sun., Coral Sea Park; Eastwood S/A v Chelsea, Sun., Eastwood Oval; Padstow Park v Eastern Creek, Sun., Walshaw; West Holroyd G/C v Fairfield Kiev, Sun., West Guildford; Canley Heights v Revesby Rovers, Sat., King Park No.1.

DIVISION 5

Haberfield B/D's v Macquarie Uni., Sun., Beaman Park; North Rocks v Camden, Sun., Murray Farm Reserve; Sydney Maccabi v Edensor Park, Sun., Cricket Ground No. 2; Auburn Juniors v Pagewood, Sun., Progress Park; Fairfield West v Winston Hills, Sun., Parkes Reserve; West St.George v Concordia, Sat., Evatt Park.

DIVISION 6

Moorebank v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Hammondville Park; Bankstown Sports v Mt.Pritchard, Sun., Condell Park H/S; Liverpool United v Blacktown Wands., Sun., Childs Park; Liverpool City v Chullora, Sun., Ernie Smith Res.; Green Valley Utd. v Glenquarrie United, Sun., Blamfield Park; South Sydney Dist. v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Booralee Park; Chullora v Green Valley, Sat., Soccer Centre.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

WESTERN	14s	15s	16s
Nepean v South Dist.	4-0	8-3	4-0
W.NSW v Blackt.Ass	3-1	3-1	3-0
Marconi v Blackt.Utd	10-1	3-1	4-1
Gladesville v Auburn	0-0	4-2	1-0
Polonia v Blackt.City	1-7	2-7	—
Melita v Baulk.Hills	0-1	4-0	0-1
EASTERN			
St.Geo. v Syd.City	3-0	2-0	3-1
Manly v Olympic	6-0	3-0	2-0
Arncliffe v Suth'land	0-0	—	—
Bankst'n v Illawarra	—	—	—
Sth&East v Cent.Cst.	1-3	3-1	0-2
Kuringai v APIA	—	—	—

Matches marked "—" were postponed.

Next week we will publish the full final competition tables in all divisions.

The semifinals will begin this weekend. The two winners will play in the major finals on August 9 at Barton Park and the two losers will meet the same day at Seymour Shaw Park.

The top three teams — that is, the two major finalists and the winner of the minor final — will represent Sydney in the State Championships in September.

The semifinal draw for this weekend:

At Cook Park:
Under-14s: St.George v Marconi 12 noon
Under-15s: Gladesv.v St.George 1.30pm
Under-16s: Auburn v Bankstown City 3pm

At Mona Park:
Under-14s: Blacktown City v Sutherland 12 noon
Under-15s: Nepean v Sutherland 1.30pm
Under-16s: Marconi v Sydney City 3pm

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By Andrew Dettre

Alun is the roaming type

A wide scar across his boyish face still fails to give him a fearsome appearance: Alun Evans, South Melbourne's classy English striker, has a placid look about him. But on the field he is combative, persistent and even tough. As a youngster, he was hailed as one of the brightest stars in England — rated above many of his Liverpool team-mates. Now, at 28, he is still an excellent player — but pretty far removed from the glamour of Anfield Road and European Cups.

SW: When did you join Liverpool?

AE: When I was 17 — 11 years ago. I went there from Wolves, for $200,000. It was a fortune then, I guess. While with Liverpool, I played in a UEFA Cup match in Hungary against Ferencvaros in Budapest and there I hurt my knee. So I had to have a cartilage out. Later all my cartilages came out.

SW: How long were you with Liverpool?

AE: More than three years, then moved to Aston Villa where I stayed for about the same period, before going to Walsall in the third division. I came to Melbourne two years ago.

SW: Why?

AE: Well, I was playing in third division in England and while the standard is quite high there, the sameness of it got to me. My contract expired and I thought I might as well give myself a chance to go abroad.

SW: Was it a sort of come-down for you?

AE: You can't play at the top forever; most of the stars have a limited career. In my case, when I got down to the third division, at 26, I felt a little bit disillusioned about my career. So I accepted an invitation from South Melbourne. And I'm enjoying the game over here.

SW: Are you settled in Melbourne?

AE: Oh yes. The standard here is getting better all the time, you know. The Philips League standard is similar to the bottom of the English second division now. The only difference would be that in England we play on a lot heavier pitches and the game is a little bit more physical. The overall skills here are better than in English Third Division.

SW: Are you basically a striker?

AE: I always played striker, until at least two years ago. I don't know what a 'target man' and other new expressions really mean. Lately I've been roaming a bit more freely in the attack and midfield and that's probably why I'm enjoying my soccer now.

SW: How did South Melbourne's tremendous transformation come about?

AE: In 1979 we did have bad luck: we lost a lot of matches by the odd goal. But we also had a few problems with a few players and also with some of the Greek supporters of the club. I think we learned a lot from our own misfortunes of last year.

SW: Will you stay in Australia?

AE: I don't know. I'm not a permanent resident, I'm not the settling type, it's a 'have boots will travel' kind of thing for me. I've got another year with South Melbourne.

SW: Are you a fulltime pro with the club?

AE: No, we don't have any. I've got a part-time job driving in the mornings, and we train three nights a week.

SW: How does your living standard compare to Englisn Third Division conditions?

AE: I'm probably earning a little more over here but I also have to work which I never did before.

SW: That scar on your face; what's the history of it?

AE: It happened a long time ago, when I was 19. I was just standing in the wrong place in a nightclub and had a glass put in my face. It was a pint mug that we have in England. The fellow was drunk and started a fight. I had to have 60 stitches in my face. I never thought it was worth having plastic surgery. It makes me look real tough, too, But actually I am a very gentle sort of person.

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PHILIPS CUP

Cup ties hold most interest

— By Andrew Dettre —

The stop-start PSL season of 1980 is again reduced to two matches this weekend with most other teams engaged in the Philips Cup.

In a way it's a great pity that the PSL program is run in such staccato style.

Just as you begin to get excited about the whirling events there is a break; as soon as you start to analyse the points standings, the table is askew.

Of the two PSL matches, one — Footscray v Leichhardt — will have a bearing on the relegation issue.

Leichhardt are still in trouble — but Footscray aren't that far off either.

Last week the "Blues" suffered a stunning home defeat at the hands of Marconi and clearly their form is at a low ebb.

Leichhardt, on the other hand, are fighting like dervishes to escape from their cul-de-sac, a most unfamiliar situation for this tradition-rich club.

The chances are there will be very few goals in this game and if Leichhardt can grab two, they may even return home with the points.

Our tip: 1-1.

At Newcastle, South Melbourne, without Davidson and perhaps even Lutton, face the danger of surrendering all their 1980 title hopes.

One more defeat now and all the carefully laid plans of coach John Margaritis will be in ruins.

Newcastle did splendidly last Sunday to win at Canberra and haven't yet abandoned hope for a semifinal berth.

The return of David Jones to the attack pepped up the striking force of the Novocastrians, giving them hope for yet another good showing.

South Melbourne looked slightly stale on Sunday; earlier virility and even mobility was gone from their game.

Our tip: 1-0 Newcastle.

In the Philips Cup, seven PSL clubs plus the Perth-based Spearwood Dalmatinac will fight for a place in the semifinals.

Sydney City goes north to meet Lions — for the second time in a week — and, unless they improve dramatically, could get unstuck.

The Lions are proving to be a wonderfully organised and balanced team; their high standing can no longer be regarded as a fluke.

The Slickers, however, can play ever so much better than they did last weekend; if they do, they should be able to advance a round further.

In Sydney, Marconi — seemingly back to their best — are planning a target practice against St.George.

Most of Marconi's potential has yet to be realised this season but the talent is there and it would be overpowering for their opponents.

The Saints, soon to be resigned to the relegation which awaits them, may seek solace in a good cup run.

Last year they reached the final and went within inches of taking home the trophy from Adelaide.

However, with their defence in shreds, they can expect no mercy from Marconi on Sunday.

Spearwood will be hosts in Perth to a marvellously revived Adelaide City.

The West Australians will hope to impress the powers of the PSL with yet another good result — while Adelaide City officials are certain to seek fresh talent ready to be lured interstate for 1981.

Adelaide City's class and cohesion should carry the day for them.

At Bruce Stadium, Canberra fans will be curious to see Heidelberg or what's left of them after their Brisbane disaster.

Sooner or later Canberra coach John Brown will have to decide just which of his many star strikers he wants to rely on; to us, outsiders, it seems amazing that he can even contemplate breaking up the successful $45,000 worth Giampaolo-Valeri tandem.

Heidelberg are too good a team to suffer lasting after-effects of their awful hammering.

True, they miss Selemidis and Rooney but surely that's no excuse for such a star-studded unit.

We have the feeling that they will bounce back into form with a win.

Our forecasts: Sydney City, Marconi, Adelaide City, Heidelberg.

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Footscray	v	Leichhardt	Olympic Park	3pm
Newcastle	v	Sth.Melb.	Sports Centre	2.30

Philips Cup:

Brisb.Lions	v	Sydney City	Lions Stadium	2.30
Marconi	v	St.George	Marconi Stadium	3pm
Spearwood	v	Adelaide City	Perth	2.30
Canberra City	v	Heidelberg	Bruce Stadium	2.30

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Heidelberg	v	Canberra City	Olympic Park	3pm
Newcastle	v	Footscray	Int.Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Sth.Melb.	v	Brisbane City	Middle Park	3pm
West Adelaide	v	Heidelberg	Hindmarsh Stad.	2.30
Sydney City	v	Blackt'n City	Sydney Ath.Field	3pm
Marconi-F'fld	v	Adelaide City	Marconi Stadium	3pm
Brisb.Lions	v	St.George	Lions Stadium	3pm

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Sydney City v Sydney Croatia	Sydney City 7-1	
Blacktown v Sutherland	Blacktown 2-0	St.George 3-0
St.George v Monaro	St.George 4-1	
Marconi v Melita	Marconi 3-0	Marconi 3-1
Newcastle v Edgeworth	Newcastle 3-0	
Canberra v Croatia Deakin	Canberra 7-2	Canberra 3-2
Rapid (Tas.) v Preston	Preston 5-1	
Sth.Melbourne v Frankston	Sth.Melbourne 5-2	Heidelberg 2-1
Heidelberg v Essendon	Heidelberg 2-0	
Footscray v Green Gully	Green Gully *(2-2)5-4	Adelaide City 3-1
Adelaide City v Enfield	Adelaide City 5-0	
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BLACKTOWN 1(0)
WEST ADELAIDE 0

Goal: Fisher (77m).

BLACKTOWN: James 4, Harris 4, Selfridge 4, Pointer 5, Hormazabal 3, O'Donnell 5, Izatt 3, Hunter 4, Pollard 3, Fisher 4, D. Campbell 3. **Coach:** M. Jones.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Dogrne 3, Ford 3, Topaz 4, Bozanic 3, McKie 3, Koulianos 3, Manecas 4, Kosmina 4 (Lorenzoni 80m), Honeyman 3, McGregor 4. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: T. Boskovic (NSW); **crowd:** 3,000; **caution:** Izatt.

With both teams desperately needing points, Blacktown went for two — and got them.

Not for them was a cautious approach despite the many injury problems.

Aided by a strong wind, West Adelaide created quite a lot of pressure in the first half: some of Crook's spectacular clearances represented instant danger.

Still, in the 24th minute the hosts could have gone into the lead: Hunter broke on the left but his sharp shot was parried by Crook.

Then it was Westad's turn: Kosmina backheaded a corner and Topaz's header sailed over James, leaving it to Harris to clear on his line.

In the second half Blacktown did most of the attacking and the Adelaide side hardly created a worthwhile chance though many of Kosmina's runs looked dangerous.

Halfway through the half Fisher broke through and Crook saved by spectacularly diving at his feet; Pollard slammed the loose rebound goalwards but that remarkable Crook was already back there to save.

The winner — which gave Blacktown the precious points — came in the 77th minute.

O'Donnell's cross found Fisher at the far post and the young striker shot home from close range.

In the last 10 minutes West Adelaide mounted some desperate moves to pull the game out of the fire.

Still, the best chance fell to Selfridge who shot wide from just outside the penalty box.

Chaldi surprised everyone by taking off Kosmina, their only dangerous striker, some 10 minutes from the end; with that died West Adelaide's last hope of making something of this game.

West Adelaide clearly labored under their growing complex due to their inability to gain points away from home.

They also lack any real striking power, with Kosmina left alone to carry the burden.

Blacktown fought for every ball and, through Fisher and Hunter, mounted some, swift, incisive attacks.

— Mike Renwick

2

ADELAIDE CITY 6(3)
ST.GEORGE 1(1)

Goals: 1-0 Mitchell (25m), 1-1 Campbell (34m), 2-1 Jones (36m), 3-1 Melta (45m), 4-1 J. Nyskohus (54m, pen.), 5-1 Mitchell (64m), 6-1 J. Nyskohus (70m, pen.).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Dods 4, Jones 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, **Muniz 5**, Northcote 4, **J. Nyskohus 5**, Melta 4, **Mitchell 5**, Barnes 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

ST.GEORGE: Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 2 (Hadley 46m), McIntosh 4, Russell 4, Skeen 3, Barton 3, Stone 3, Katholos (Kay 70m), Duarte 3, Campbell 4, Beggs 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA); **crowd:** 2,654; **caution:** McIntosh.

This emphatic five-goal win might have disproved the accepted theory that two heads are better than one.

The ailing Saints pitted Raul Blanco and his adviser Frank Arok against Rale Rasic, but the City boss triumphed in almost every tactical battle.

The master stroke which set City on their winning way was the switch of Under-19 Socceroo David Mitchell from the left wing to the right flank to bring him in direct opposition to ex-Australian international Doug Utjesenovic.

Mitchell lost Utjesenovic with his speed and skill and the Saints' veteran was replaced by Howard Hadley at the start of the second half.

But Mitchell, although outstanding, was only one of a preponderance of winning City players.

The amazing feature was that City were able to produce such fine constructive football in the worst possible quagmire conditions.

City could have been excused had they slackened in the second half as the mud and slush sapped energy, but they maintained their attacking zeal until the final whistle.

City forced 11 corners to one from the Saints to underline their overall dominance.

And, even though two of City's second half goals came from penalties, (the second was extremely generous), there can be no doubt that but for the acrobatic heroics of goalkeeper Mike Fraser, St.George would have been beaten by a double-figure margin.

A low header from Mitchell gave City the lead in the 25th minute, but a clever floating header from Ernie Campbell brought Saints an equaliser nine minutes later.

A towering header from defender David Jones restored City's advantage before Sergio Melta sent City in at half-time with a superb 25-metre screamer.

Mitchell notched his second headed goal of the game in between the two penalties which Johnny Nyskohus expertly converted.

— Allan Crisp

3

SYDNEY CITY 1(1)
BRISBANE LIONS 1(1)

Goals: 0-1 Millman (11m), 1-1 Stevenson (pen.36m).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 3, Mullen 3, Souness 4, O'Connor 3, Spanos 3, Stevenson 4, Watson 4, Barnes 3, **Boden 5**, Trenter 3, Patikas 3 (Smith 83m). **Coach:** E. Thomson.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 3, Ontong 4, Niven 3, Lindsay 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 4, Hogg 3, McNaughton 4, Millman 3, Verweij 4, **Hughes 5**. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: H. Witschge; **crowd:** 3,014 (official); **cautions:** Mullen, O'Connor, Spanos, Ontong, Hermiston, Lindsay.

Despite six cautions being issued it would be unfair to call this match a vicious one.

Most bookings came from tactical fouls or dissent and the one thing that stood out about the match was the high level of competitiveness.

Lions didn't travel for a point; they were out to win and they almost pulled it off.

With scores locked at 1-1 Lions had two great chances to regain the lead before the break.

Sydney City were much more competitive than they had been, probably because they were forced into it by Lions.

A floated free kick by Hermiston found the lanky striker to the left of City's area.

Verweij hit a tantalizing cross and there was Millman, rising high to head home a fine goal.

In the 35th minute unexpected signs of confusion appeared in the Lions defence.

Bennett's back-pass was short and forced Scanlan into a do or die save at Trenter's feet.

A minute later City was level.

Boden was allowed freedom to sprint forward and Bennett reacted far too late, cutting him down well inside the penalty area for a clear foul.

Stevenson slotted the shot away — even though Scanlan guessed the right side direction.

City's normally dominant midfield had its hands full with Lions' combative outfit in one of their toughest battles to date.

They were matched in ideas and skill by the Queenslanders and it would probably be fair to say that apart from Boden the City forward line lacked a lot of punch compared to Lions.

In the second half it always seemed Lions could pull off a minor surprise.

In the 63rd and 65th minutes both McNaughton and Verweij had chances but both times their shots were well held by Pezzano.

City too hit out, mainly through Boden's promptings.

In the 69th minute he worked his way into the area and hit a fierce shot which Scanlan dangerously pushed out in front of his goal.

— Paul James

4

FOOTSCRAY 0(0)
MARCONI 4(4)

Goals: 0-1 Sharne (15m), 0-2 Byrne (21m), 0-3 Jankovics (24m), 0-4 Sharne (32m).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 5, Kyriakouleas 5, Kondarios 3, Kriaris 3 (Jovanovic 27m, 3), Petrov 2 (Hazabent 27m, 3), O'Reilly 4, Ilioski 3, Rujevic 3, Belic 3, Vasic 3, Lujic 3. **Coach:** R. Ille.

MARCONI: Corry 4, Brogan 4, Henderson 4, Mariani 4, **Cant 6, Byrne 5**, Raskopoulos 4, **Vieri 5** (Lindsay 61m), **Sharne 5, Jankovics 5**, Krncevic 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: R. Kerr; **crowd:** 806; **cautions:** Jovanovic, Jankovics.

In what was no more than a training romp, Marconi could have totted up eight goals but relaxed somewhat after the break and failed to increase the four-goal advantage they built up in the first half.

The four absent regulars — Maher, Prskalo, Degney and Muir — were hardly missed and certainly the central defensive tandem of Henderson and Mariani should be persevered with for it has the makings of a good combination.

Maher missed the match with a bout of flu and consequently ended his record of 95 consecutive league appearances.

He was the last remaining player who had played in all of his club's league matches since the start of the Philips League.

His replacement, veteran Ron Corry, had an easy afternoon and did not have more than a handful of direct shots to save from a Footscray which played like a side bereft of all enthusiasm.

The match was settled in the opening half hour with the visitors cramming all four goals in a 17-minute burst.

Peter Sharne, who gave opposing fullback Chris Petrov a roasting, scored the first after exchanging a one-two with Mark Jankovics.

Petrov and Jim Kriaris ran into each other at the 21st minute mark allowing Sharne to break free with the ball, run at the 'keeper and square it for Gary Byrne to tap into an empty net.

Three minutes later Jankovics got on the end of a Bertie Mariani cross to head home the third.

Rocco Ilie made two substitutions at this stage replacing Petrov and Kriaris with Jovanovic and Hazabent but the move failed to stem the deluge.

Peter Sharne got the fourth goal knocking in the rebound after Dennis Boland had parried Eddie Krncevic's shot.

Boland made three great saves in the second half to deny the Marconi forwards in "one-two-one" situations and the bar came to his rescue before the end when Jankovics beat him after latching onto a terrible backpass by Jovanovic.

— Peter Desira

5

CANBERRA CITY 1(0)
NEWCASTLE 2(2)

Goals: 0-1 Jones (25m), 0-2 Senkalski (32m), 1-2 Byrne (67m).

CANBERRA: Wilson 3, Moulis 2, R. O'Shea 3, Stark 3, M. O'Shea 2, Farrell 3, Cole 4, J. O'Shea 3, Byrne 3, Valeri 2 (McLaren 61m), Brennan 3, (Giampaolo 61m). **Coach:** J. Brown.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Reaney 3, Drinkwater 3, Curran 4, Sneddon 3, Bertogna 4, Senkalski 4, **Jones 5**, Mason 3, **Heys 5**, MacLelland 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: Ken Allen; **crowd:** 4,050; **caution:** Mason.

Two Newcastle goals originating from freekicks earned the visitors the maximum points over Canberra.

The game started with both sides losing possession consistently.

Gradually City gained territorial superiority and forced numerous corner kicks which were cleared unceremoniously by the Newcastle defence.

In the 24th minute Newcastle struck. Walter Valeri fouled a Newcastle defender, Col Curran floated a freekick across the goalmouth.

Roy Drinkwater rose to head the ball into the path of David Jones who nodded the ball past Richard Wilson and the stranded Canberra defence.

Newcastle, playing with greater aplomb, raided the suspect local defence with confidence.

After 32 minutes a Newcastle freekick wafted to an unmarked Joe Senkalski who, despite seeming surprise at his luck, calmly prodded the ball passed the diving Wilson to give Newcastle an unassailable lead.

Canberra were stunned to action and pressed without success for the remainder of the first half.

The Canberra pressure continued in the second half. Roy Drinkwater was forced to clear off the line with Dando beaten and Byrne miskicked a golden opportunity.

Nevertheless, it was Byrne who atoned for previous fumbles when he fired the ball past Dando in the 68th minute after Drinkwater had again cleared off his goal-line.

John Brown made two substitutions. He brought on Sebastian Giampaolo and Donald MacLaren for Tony Brennan and the out-of-touch Walter Valeri.

The Canberra pressure was unabating but Newcastle managed to survive until the whistle and earn the club valuable points and also 1980 Prime Minister's Cup victory.

Canberra fans must be eagerly awaiting the return of Mike Milovanovic to a defence which seemed hesitant and unsure even under mild pressure.

As for Newcastle, they seem destined for a good few weeks what with a solid defence and undaunted spirit.

— Stephen Kunz

6

BRISBANE CITY 7(2)
HEIDELBERG 0

Goals: 1-0 Kelso (10m), 2-0 Low (42m), 3-0 Kelso (50m), 4-0 Palinkas (70m), 5-0 Ratcliffe (80m), 6-0 Brusasco (83m), 7-0 Kelso (85m).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Caldwell 3, Perry 4, **Ratcliffe 5**, Wilkinson 4, Hamilton 3, Potter 4 (Brusasco 75m), Low 3 (Vincenzino 59m), **Palinkas 5, Kelso 5**, Connor 3. **Coach:** G. Potter.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 2, McMillan 3, Bannon 4, Yzendoorn 3, Tansey 3, Selemidis 2, Campbell 3, Taylor 2, (Williams 55m), Bozikas 2, Cole 3, Paton 2. **Coach:** L. McKendry.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **crowd:** 2,547.

With Sydney City's and Marconi's scalps already under their belts, Brisbane City went into this game determined to beat another of the southern "big-guns" at Perry Park.

And with the exception of a 15-minute spell in the second half, from the time Peter Rampley blew the whistle to start the game Brisbane City never looked like losing to Heidelberg.

The Melbourne team went on the attack early and Wishart saved a good low shot from Campbell but shortly after Palinkas broke down the left and curled in a right-footed cross.

Banovic hesitated on his line and Kelso got above Bannon to nod home the goal.

For the next 20 minutes the Heidelberg defence was in disarray and panicked on at least three occasions when high balls were lobbed into the penalty box for Kelso.

City got the second goal after a freekick was given just outside the box following a foul by McMillan on Hamilton.

Potter sidefooted to Palinkas who drove a low shot which Banovic failed to hold. Low was on the spot to net from only a metre.

With only a minute remaining before half-time Heidelberg were awarded a freekick six metres from the City goal.

Cole, Paton, Bozikas and Campbell lined up to take the kick but such was their indecision the minute passed and Rampley ended the half before it was taken.

City sealed the match five minutes into the second period when they took advantage of a muffed Heidelberg freekick just outside their own penalty area.

Low won the ball, passed to Kelso who then sent Palinkas down the right. Heidelberg were caught with everyone but Bannon forward and Palinkas crossed back to Kelso who headed the goal.

The other goals came when Banovic palmed in a Palinkas shot, Ratcliffe headed home a Wilkinson freekick, substitute Brusasco drove a poor clearance of a corner and Kelso, with the aid of a deflection, steered home another clearance from a corner.

— Jim Binnie

7

LEICHHARDT 1(1)
STH.MELBOURNE 0

Goal: O'Connor (43m).

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 4, Wilson 4, Dempsey 3, Pullen 3, McKie 3, McAusland 3, Coyne 2, Butler 3, Pirie 2 (Morsello 59m), O'Connor 4. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, P. Bannon 3, Xanthopoulos 3, Lutton 4 (Kalafatidis 65m), Blair 4, Rogers 4, Christopoulos 4, G. Campbell 3, Evans 3, Buljevic 3, Cummings 3. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Referee: R. Lorenz (NSW); **crowd:** 3,400; **cautions:** Bannon, Evans, Dempsey, Kalafatidis.

Far from being a classic, this was a dour, at times desperate struggle which finally went to a superbly fit and determined Leichhardt.

But they were in plenty of trouble in the first half. In the first three minutes Butler, then Dempsey needed treatment then, in the 12th, Rogers' volley after a superb Buljevic pass was saved.

It seemed only a matter of time before the classier and much more composed South Melbourne opened the floodgates: twice in the first half promising headers, by Rogers and Xanthopoulos, missed their target.

To add to their gathering woes, Leichhardt could have so easily lost Dempsey for good in the 40th minute when, after receiving a caution, he gave the referee the famous "up yours" signal — behind Lorenc's back.

Then, out of the blue, Leichhardt struck. McAusland played a short ball to O'Connor who, with his back to the goal, twisted and pirouetted until he could stab at the ball, sending it into the far corner past a stunned Laumets.

As though stimulated by this piece of good fortune, Leichhardt proceeded to take over in the second half.

Although their attack remained largely sterile, at least in midfield and in defence they were totally committed and resolute.

South Melbourne disappointed: at no stage could they repeat their earlier good Sydney displays.

When Lutton had to leave the field with an injury, South's goose was cooked.

Still, both could have still scored: in the 66th minute Dempsey's fierce shot was saved by Laumets and nine minutes later Campbell's long-range floater was fished out of the corner by Woodhouse.

South Melbourne made only some half-hearted attempts to find the elusive equaliser.

However, their usually effective midfield was not in the right mood and Buljevic, in the second half, lost his appetite for more combat.

In the end, the points landed with the team that may not have been any better but was certainly more combative.

— Andrew Dettre

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

When the lion-keeper is attacked: Sydney City's Mark Trenter shows how at last Sunday's game.

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Footscray v Leichhardt	—	—	5-1
Newcastle v Sth.Melbourne	—	1-1	3-0

Westfield

CUP QUARTERFINALS

STH. MELBOURNE 1(1)
HEIDELBERG 2(0)

Goals: 1-0 Rogers (30m), 1-1 Yzendoorn (52m), 1-2 Cole (75m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, V. Bannon, Davidson (Kakantonis 80m), Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Christopoulos, Evans, Buljevic, G. Campbell, Lutton, Blair.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic, McMillan, Tansey, Yzendoorn, J. Campbell, (Williams 82m), P. Bannon, Rooney (Taylor 63m), Selemidis, Cole, Paton, Bozikas.

Referee: H. Witschge (NSW); **crowd:** 7,234; **caution:** Lutton.

Heidelberg were most impressive during the first half hour, but it was South who scored through Rogers with an excellent header from a good cross from Christopoulos.

Rogers had been trailing Cole during that time and had just left that task to Xanthopoulos.

To say that the pace was a cracker would be an understatement.

Davidson and Vin Bannon tied up the Heidelberg wings with Christopoulos, Lutton and George Campbell subduing the normal sparkling work of United's attack — until halftime.

Jimmy Rooney had been doing fine work without reward, until his 'free' to Yzendoorn made the fans sit up when John scored a cracker 45-metre goal which hugged the turf all the way.

McMillan had tamed Buljevic, and Tansey was moving well so United's midfield took control.

The substitution of Taylor for Rooney, who was unable to continue after a severe tackle, failed to slow down the Heidelberg machine.

Pressures eventually created a defensive blunder, and Cole got the chance he was seeking with 15 minutes to go, and Heidelberg had hit the front.

Davidson was putting in his usual amount of work when he was brought down dangerously, and was carried off.

Fears of a broken ankle have since not been confirmed but Davidson may be out for some weeks.

Jim Campbell had got through a lot of work and was replaced by Williams with only eight minutes to go.

It had been a most entertaining and well fought cup-tie with lots of clever play.

The crowd certainly got their money's worth.

— Jock Stephen

ADELAIDE CITY 3(2)
GREEN GULLY AJAX 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Barnes (19m), 2-0 J. Nyskohus (45m), 2-1 Segi (65m), 3-1 Northcote (68m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Dods, Besir, (Perin 54m), Jones, B. Nyskohus, Melta, J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Mitchell (Marocchi 64m), Barnes, Muniz.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys, Hogben (Crilley 82m), Smart (Segi 46m), Dunne, Bennett, Patten, Perkin, Vassallo, Bennie, Vojtek, Morrey.

Referee: S. Mellings (Vic.); **crowd:** 800; **cautions:** Muniz, Bennie.

Philips Cup holders Adelaide City squeezed comfortably into the quarterfinals with a 3-1 verdict over Green Gully Ajax at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Victorian State League club stepped out of its class but still proved a gutsy opponent.

City charged at the visitors from the kick-off and established a 2-0 halftime lead with goals from Colin "Bomber" Barnes and Johnny Nyskohus.

Ajax swept into calculations mid-way through the second half when substitute Andy Segi scored with a great 25-metre drive which fairly sizzled into the roof of the net.

But City replied three minutes later as Brian Northcote snapped in a close range shot to ensure that City can still retain a firm grip on the magnificent trophy.

— Allan Crisp

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1		4-0			2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0	3-2		9-0
Heidelberg		★	0-0	3-1		4-0	4-2	5-1		3-2	4-2		1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★		2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2	1-1			0-2	2-1	
Brisbane City	2-1	7-0	1-0	★	1-2	1-2		1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★		1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	6-1	1-1		3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3	1-1	3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0			0-4		1-0
West Adel.		1-0	0-2	1-0		1-1	★		1-1	0-2	1-0			4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1	1-0	2-0	★			1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0
Brisb.Lions			2-0		1-2		2-1	2-1	★	1-1		0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray	0-4		1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1			3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George			0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3	1-1	★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0	1-2	4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★		0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2		2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2			1-0	★	5-0
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1	1-0			3-0	4-2		0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	19
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	11
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	11
BULJEVIC (Sth.Melb.)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9
BODEN (Sydney City)	9
DUARTE (St.George)	8
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	8
PATON (Heidelberg)	8
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	8
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	7
SHARNE (Marconi)	7
KELSO (Brisb.City)	7

THIS WEEK THAT WAS...

One cannot recall a similar record: John Nyskohus has converted eight penalties so far for Adelaide City, four at home and four away.

★ ★ ★

Blacktown coach Mick Jones: "If we had scored a bit earlier in the match, we could have got more than just the one goal."

★ ★ ★

It's hard to keep up with the Jones boys: a David Jones scored last Sunday for Adelaide City AND for Newcastle.

★ ★ ★

Leichhardt's Willie Wallace: "No need to say I'm delighted. The team fought like Lions."

★ ★ ★

Leichhardt have not suspended, merely cited for August 5 Carlo Zacariotto for his alleged bid to "buy" the team for $140,000.

★ ★ ★

West Adelaide's Eric Carruthers is out of favor with coach Gerry Chaldi — he was dropped last week and may stay dropped.

★ ★ ★

Midweek last week St.George's Raul Blanco went to Adelaide on a "spying mission" for the Cup game; the trip seems to have been fruitless in view of his team's 6-1 defeat four days later.

★ ★ ★

Heidelberg's Len McKendry: "It was one of those things which hasn't happened until now, it is a miracle it happened today and it is unlikely it will happen again."

★ ★ ★

George Potter: "It was our best performance this season and probably our best for a long time before that. We have been threatening to score goals for weeks and finally it all came together."

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi coach: "Jim Cant was very impressive. He has been our best player in recent weeks."

★ ★ ★

The Marconi coach said that despite the good win, he would not necessarily keep the same team this weekend. "You've got to take each match as it comes and play the players according to the job you want done," he said.

★ ★ ★

Canberra, John Brown: "We were over-confident and this was the worst performance since I took over coaching. I replaced two players, but would have replaced about seven if it were possible."

★ ★ ★

Newcastle's Alan Vest: "We're not the most skilful side in the League, but the application of the team today was remarkable. I have practised set plays and the practise has paid off with two goals."

★ ★ ★

"Bad luck had nothing to do with it: Adelaide City gave us a soccer lesson" — Saints coach Raul Blanco.

★ ★ ★

Adelaide City manager, Rale Rasic: "I am proud of my boys. It was a fabulous team effort."

★ ★ ★

Brisbane Lions' Matt Carson: "We came for two points and I think with a little more luck we could have got both. We play entertaining soccer at all times. There is no point sitting back and letting a team like Sydney City get on top. We hit them hard and I don't think they liked it."

★ ★ ★

Sydney City's Eddie Thomson: "It wasn't what I had hoped. Two points would have totally wrapped up the title. But the other results helped us. We didn't play badly, but not as we can."

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HOW TO SPEND MILLIONS AND GET IT ALL BACK

By LOUIS A. GUTH

This article was published recently in the New York Times.

It offers a rare insight into the finances of professional sport in the USA and may provide plenty of food for thought for Australian Soccer administrators, too.

We republish the article with due acknowledgement to this great American newspaper.

If you are shopping around the metropolitan area and elsewhere for a major league sports franchise, be prepared to look at some pretty steep price tags.

The Mets brought a record $21.1 million last winter, and things appear to be not much cheaper elsewhere. For example, it cost the Dallas Mavericks $12 million to join the National Basketball Association as an expansion franchise, and $15 million was paid by a Canadian group for the Atlanta Flames, a hockey team in dire financial circumstances.

Despite the high prices, these are some pretty sound business deals, if one believes an econometric model that National Economic Research Associates has developed. The model suggest that sports franchises in New York are valuable commodities. At the low end, a New York soccer franchise, it says, would be worth about $2 million. But don't run off to the owner, Warner Communications, with money in hand; the Cosmos are not just any soccer franchise.

A metropolitan area hockey franchise is worth a minimum of $6 million, but a basketball franchise is worth closer to $15 million. The Yankees and the Mets each have an estimated value in the range of $20 million to $25 million and growing thanks to Nelson Doubleday, the Mets' new principal owner. But the real piece of cake belongs to the New York area football franchises, the Giants and the Jets, which have an estimated value of $50 million to $60 million each.

The model arrived at these figures by relating various socioeconomic factors to the value of each franchise in its specific location. But first the kind of data to be fed into the model had to be ascertained, a task that involved the study of sports economic literature, court records and transcripts of government hearings as well as interviews with sports-industry executives.

The main factors that affect a team's value are area population and per capita income; the number of competing sports franchises in an area; the age and appeal of a franchise and of the league in which it is a member, and national television revenue.

Out of the process of putting together the model come five lessons:

Lesson 1: Don't look back. The variables in the model were chosen to reflect long-term, intrinsic value rather than short-term considerations. This approach was proven by the recent sale of the Mets. Despite last-place finishes and fading attendance, the team was eagerly sought, and was sold at a record price for any sports franchise.

The reason, of course, is intrinsic value, the same reason that led Pan Am to pay $50 a share for National Airlines, a carrier whose stock had been selling at $15 a share. The Mets are in a populous market, with higher than average per capita income and an ingrained baseball tradition, and receive moderately high national television revenues.

For the same reasons, George Steinbrenner's purchase of the Yankees in 1973 for $10 million, at a time when the intrinsic value of the team was in excess of $15 million, must rank as one of the better buys of the decade.

Lesson 2: A sports franchise is a movable show. A substantial portion of the value of a franchise is conferred by the league and by national television revenues. That is why Canadian investors were willing to buy the highly unprofitable Flames at more than double the price paid by the previous owners. With the move to Calgary, a market with more interest in hockey, they eventually have a shot a participating in the more lucrative Canadian hockey television revenues.

Lesson 3: Tradition is a valuable commodity. Soccer teams have much lower values than other major sports franchises, mainly because pro soccer is fairly new in the United States but also because there are no significant television dollars. It takes about 20 to 30 years for a major league to establish itself. After that, there really is not very much difference between leagues or between franchises.

Lesson 4: Know your sources of revenue. Sports leagues have learned well what ballet and opera companies are still struggling with: you cannot make it solely on live attendance. If you are trying to figure out how the football Giants could be worth so much more than the Yankees, you will find the answer in their comparative national television revenues.

In 1972, their respective annual takes from that source were $1.8 million for the Giants and $750,000 for the Yankees, and their franchise values were then probably not very far apart. Now, the Giants' share under pro football's national television contracts has soared to $5.3 million a year, while the Yankees received $900,000 last year (a figure that will double this year). Those sums do not include local broadcast revenue. So, even if you just break even at the live gate, how much would you as a potential investor be willing to pay for the rights to a pure $5.3 million a year income stream?

Lesson 5: Don't forget specifics. The results of all those general lessons, and of the model, should be adjusted for special situations affecting specific franchises.

For example, the Cosmos are able to compete for expensive world-class talent and increase the value of their franchise because they participate in extensive non-league international tours and have local radio and television broadcasting contracts. Similarly, you might want to add a dollar or two to the Giants' worth because of the Meadowlands' pizazz, and deduct a dollar or two for the caliber of the Mets' roster.

However, the model, like the sports entrepreneurial set itself, believes that a team's player personnel or stadium at any given time is a short-term consideration with limited fundamental bearing on the long-term intrinsic value of a franchise.

In effect, the model believes that good management — well-heeled owners and experienced executives committed to winning — can turn a team around in a few years and therefore realise the intrinsic value of the franchise.

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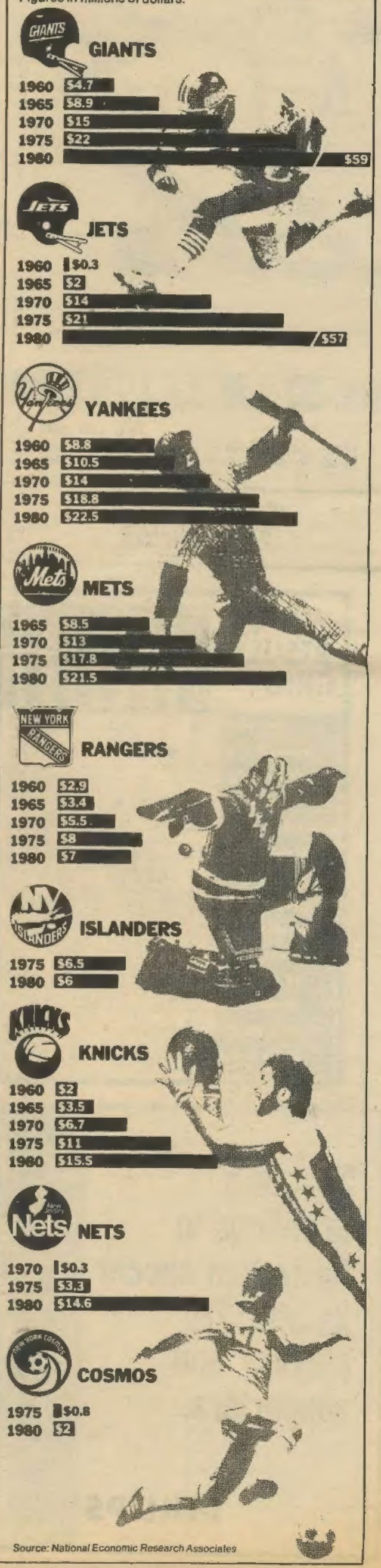
Teams' Approximate Value

Figures in millions of dollars.



Source: National Economic Research Associates

SPAIN SURE OF SUPER CROWDS

The Spanish Organising Committee, understandibly, wants to avoid a repetition of the "Italian Disaster."

In the latest FIFA News, we read this:

"Important matches with a spectator participation of only a few thousand as was the case with the European Championship in Italy cannot be repeated at the World Cup in Spain in two years' time, said Raimundo Saporta, head of the Organising Committee and thereby the responsible person for the World Cup.

He is counting on a sell-out of most of the 52 matches to take place from 13 June to 11 July, 1982 and a total turnover of $83 million.

At present, 80 teams are ready worldwide to produce the 24 chosen teams which will be playing for the first time in the final round of the World Cup.

The 17 World Cup stadia which partly belong to clubs and partly to the cities, have declared themselves ready to take over renovation costs.

This way, for instance, the Bernabeu stadium of Real Madrid will be getting a bigger roof to cover three-quarters of the rows.

Work began this month and spectator capacity will be reduced from 99,000 to 90,800 places.

Amenities will be improved considerably: there will be 35,800 seats and additional exits and toilets.

The 17 stadia are spread over 14 towns with Madrid (Bernabeu and Calderon), Barcelona (Nou Camp and Sarria) and Sevilla (Pizjuan and Villamarin) having two each.

"Nou Camp", which has the biggest capacity with 97,679 places, will stage the opening match with titleholder Argentina playing on 13 June.

The smallest stadia are in Valladolid (29,000) and Oviedo (28,421).

These will all be improved and enlarged.

The Government has assured the World Cup Committee that it may retain the income from a lottery to the amount of $6,500,000.

Moreover, there will be an increase in the football pools, which should bring in nearly $35 million in two years.

The total turnover from the '78 World Cup in Argentina came to $44 million.

Spain feels it can virtually double this amount.

Saporta optimistically estimates an average of 55,000 spectators for 52 matches.

In order to alleviate accommodation problems, ships and trains will be transformed into hotels.

The company "Mundiespana" guarantees an additional million overnight stays.

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STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	15	1	3	43	16	31
Melita	15	1	3	32	11	31
Auburn	11	3	5	29	22	25
Canterbury	9	5	6	29	28	23
Croatia	7	5	5	31	20	19
Avala	7	4	7	19	23	18
Arncliffe	6	4	8	29	31	16
Monaro	4	7	7	21	20	15
Sutherland	5	5	7	18	19	15
Bankstown	7	1	10	23	32	15
North Sydney	5	3	9	27	26	13
Kuringai	4	4	8	22	28	12
Parramatta	4	3	13	19	54	11
Manly	4	2	12	20	32	10

GRADE 2

Canterbury	13	3	4	30	12	29
Croatia	9	6	2	25	17	24
Sutherland	8	6	3	28	15	22
Kuringai	9	3	4	27	12	21
Avala	8	5	5	27	20	21
Auburn	8	5	6	20	18	21
Melita	6	7	5	30	25	19
Olympic	8	3	7	29	18	19
Bankstown	8	2	7	23	32	18
Arncliffe	4	5	9	26	34	13
Manly	5	3	10	16	24	13
Parramatta	3	5	11	15	27	11
Nth. Sydney	3	3	11	14	36	9
Monaro	2	4	10	13	33	8

GRADE 3

Auburn	13	4	—	38	8	30
Sutherland	12	3	—	40	7	27
Kuringai	9	6	1	41	18	24
Bankstown	8	6	2	30	17	22
Arncliffe	6	7	3	30	24	19
Canterbury	5	8	5	31	24	18
Olympic	7	2	8	18	23	16
Melita	5	6	6	19	23	16
Manly	6	2	8	22	24	14
Parramatta	5	4	7	20	29	14
Croatia	1	4	10	22	44	6
North Sydney	1	1	14	11	41	3
Avala	1	1	15	10	52	3

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Marconi	12	4	3	43	19	28
Blacktown City	10	6	3	41	21	26
Polonia	9	6	5	43	30	24
Leichhardt	9	6	5	39	31	24
St.George	10	3	4	47	22	23
Revesby	8	7	6	33	39	23
Uni NSW	9	4	6	33	23	22
Bathurst	9	4	6	30	24	22
Wollongong	7	6	5	27	19	20
Sydney City	7	5	8	39	34	19
Blackt.Utd.	5	5	9	17	30	15
Yugal	4	7	8	18	33	15
Belmore	4	3	11	20	38	11
Penrith	4	3	12	17	43	11
Warringah	1	3	17	12	52	5

GRADE 2

Sydney City	14	3	2	61	17	31
St.George	13	4	1	47	12	30
Leichhardt	12	3	4	34	13	27
Revesby	11	4	6	40	25	26
Blacktown City	11	3	5	45	31	25
Wollongong	11	2	5	45	25	24
Blacktown Utd.	8	3	8	23	17	19
Warringah	8	5	10	22	32	17
Penrith	7	2	10	20	30	16
Polonia	5	6	7	24	32	16
Uni NSW	7	1	12	19	43	15
Marconi	4	3	12	14	27	11
Bathurst	4	3	12	17	44	11
Yugal	2	4	11	14	38	8
Belmore	2	2	14	18	54	6

GRADE 3

St.George	15	1	2	97	15	31
Sydney City	13	3	3	58	18	29
Blacktown City	12	3	4	51	23	27
Leichhardt	11	5	2	33	13	27
Belmore	12	3	3	29	12	27
Marconi	11	3	4	48	19	25
Revesby	8	8	7	36	44	22
Blacktown Utd.	7	4	7	26	33	18
Wollongong	7	2	9	39	34	16
Polonia	7	1	10	34	35	15
Penrith	6	3	10	30	42	15
Yugal	3	3	11	17	68	9
Warringah	3	2	16	24	45	8
Uni NSW	3	1	16	20	73	7
Bathurst	1	2	16	15	85	4

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	13	3	1	38	14	29
Glad. Ravens	10	5	2	28	13	25
Nth. Bankstown	10	4	3	42	20	24
Yagoona	9	3	4	21	17	21
Campbelltown	6	5	6	17	15	17
Queens Park	6	5	6	24	27	17
Lethbridge	6	3	7	26	22	15
Baulkham Hills	6	2	8	27	30	14
Dee Why	5	4	8	9	18	14
Glad.Hornsby	5	2	8	18	27	12
Lane Cove	1	3	12	14	33	5
Marrickville	1	3	12	13	40	5

GRADE 2

Glad.Ravens	14	3	—	40	7	31
Guildford	8	6	3	43	19	22
Campbelltown	8	6	3	29	16	22
Lethbridge	9	3	4	34	20	21
Nth.Bankstown	7	3	7	22	21	17
Glad.Hornsby	6	5	5	25	28	17
Baulkham Hills	7	2	7	30	28	16
Dee Why	5	4	7	25	28	14
Yagoona	5	3	8	28	35	13
Queens Park	4	2	11	20	28	10
Lane Cove	3	1	12	13	33	7
Marrickville	2	2	11	12	47	6

GRADE 3

Nth. Bankstown	13	1	3	56	9	27
Glad.Ravens	12	2	3	52	19	26
Guildford	11	4	2	49	23	26
Glad.Hornsby	12	2	2	38	14	26
Marrickville	9	2	4	42	20	20
Campbelltown	8	1	8	27	26	17
Baulkham Hills	5	6	5	26	21	16
Lethbridge	5	2	9	14	36	12
Dee Why	3	2	11	8	22	8
Yagoona	3	2	11	11	51	8
Lane Cove	2	2	12	13	60	6
Queens Park	1	2	14	10	25	4

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Kingsford	11	2	3	32	20	24
North Ryde	10	4	3	31	20	24
Liverpool	9	4	2	23	14	22
Bonnyrigg	11	—	6	34	24	22
Bondi	7	6	4	29	19	20
Riverstone	9	2	5	28	20	20
Wenty	6	4	7	27	25	16
Sydney Uni.	5	4	8	19	28	14
Hurstville	6	1	10	31	32	13
Artarmon	4	4	9	19	22	12
Port Hacking	3	2	12	14	37	8
West Ryde	1	3	13	21	47	5

GRADE 2

Bondi	13	2	2	33	9	28
Liverpool	11	3	1	35	11	25
Artarmon	10	3	4	46	34	23
Kingsford	10	2	4	37	17	22
Nth. Ryde	7	3	7	31	19	17
Bonnyrigg	6	4	7	36	25	16
Wenty	6	4	7	19	24	16
Sydney Uni	6	3	8	28	30	15
Riverstone	7	1	8	24	31	15
Port Hacking	5	4	8	23	24	14
Hurstville	1	3	13	22	62	5
West Ryde	1	2	14	14	60	4

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Padstow	11	1	3	42	14	23
Eastern Creek	9	5	1	31	10	23
Paddington	9	5	2	22	15	23
Fairfield Kiev	6	7	2	23	11	19
Eastwood	9	1	6	29	23	19
Canley Heights	6	2	8	26	31	14
Revesby	3	6	5	16	23	13
Ryde Dist.	6	1	8	26	34	13
West Holroyd	4	5	7	24	33	13
Chelsea	2	2	10	8	25	6
Maroubra	1	1	14	17	45	3

GRADE 2

Eastern Creek	12	3	—	41	6	27
Padstow	10	4	1	39	19	24
Canley Heights	10	—	6	41	28	20
Fairfield Kiev	6	5	1	37	26	20
Eastwood	6	6	4	27	19	18
West Holroyd	6	4	6	24	23	16
Paddington	3	6	5	15	20	14
Ryde Dist.	4	3	8	15	40	11
Revesby	3	3	9	29	29	9
Maroubra	1	4	11	12	44	6
Chelsea	1	3	11	16	42	5

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	11	3	2	37	13	25
Fairfield	8	7	2	27	14	23
West St.George	8	5	4	29	21	21
Winston Hills	6	8	3	32	25	20
Maccabi	7	5	5	32	23	19
Nth. Rocks	6	6	5	33	25	18
Camden	7	3	7	27	34	17
Edensor	6	4	7	31	30	16
Macquarie Uni	6	3	8	30	24	15
Pagewood	4	6	6	22	34	14
Haberfield	3	3	11	19	39	9
Auburn	1	3	13	14	51	5

GRADE 2

West St.George	14	1	2	50	15	29
Winston Hills	14	1	2	48	16	29
Camden	12	2	3	44	16	26
Fairfield	11	3	3	40	16	25
Macquarie	10	3	4	43	24	23
North Rocks	9	2	6	36	25	20
Maccabi	7	2	8	25	21	16
Edensor	4	2	11	25	45	10
Concordia	4	1	11	19	35	9
Pagewood	2	2	12	14	55	6
Haberfield	2	1	14	16	50	5
Auburn	1	2	14	9	54	4

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Hawkesbury	11	4	2	37	13	26
Moorebank	11	3	3	50	21	25
Glenquarrie	11	3	3	45	15	25
Blacktown	9	3	5	42	27	21
Liverpool City	8	4	5	25	19	20
Chullora	7	5	3	36	17	19
Green Valley	8	3	5	30	18	19
Liverpool Utd.	6	3	7	26	29	15
Liverpool Rang.	4	5	7	18	31	13
Bankstown	2	3	12	15	60	7
Mt.Pritchard	1	2	13	13	41	4
Sth. Sydney	1	2	14	18	63	4

GRADE 2

Moorebank	13	3	1	63	11	29
Liverpool City	13	3	1	49	14	29
Glenquarrie	11	4	2	52	20	26
Hawkesbury	10	3	4	51	15	23
Green Valley	8	2	6	37	21	18
Blacktown	6	6	5	22	28	18
Chullora	7	3	5	39	17	17
Liverpool Utd.	4	4	8	30	39	12
Liverpool Rang.	4	2	9	19	22	11
Mt.Pritchard	4	—	12	19	46	8
Bankstown Sp.	2	2	13	17	69	6
Sth.Sydney	—	1	16	7	102	1

NSW STATE LEAGUE

AUBURN COULD TRIP UP TITLE-HOPEFUL OLYMPIC

— By Paul James —

The race for the Coca-Cola State League title finally came into perspective on the weekend when Melita's match with Sutherland was postponed.

The cancellation allowed Olympic to catch up in the number of games played and give the table a more balanced look.

With 19 games each, both Melita and Olympic have 31 points.

But Olympic's goal difference is far superior: +27 compared to Melita's +21.

This week Olympic and Auburn clash in the top of the table match.

Auburn strolled away with a 2-0 win over Bankstown last week and have been keeping pace with the leaders for the greater part of the year.

Their well blended side has enough ability to do well in the top four series and could be the surprise packet of the year.

Olympic are firing once again, mainly due to the consistent form of Houssein Housseini.

The talented Iranian has been an inspiration in midfield and has caused untold damage to nearly every opponent this year.

We tip a close battle which Olympic should win. Olympic 2-1.

While Olympic does battle in Sydney, Melita will be in Queanbeyan playing Monaro.

The country boys have picked up a healthy batch of points recently and have moved out of the danger zone for the time being.

Melita will probably be glad of the week's break to get some players over their injuries and give the side a chance to get ready for the final dash to the end of the season.

Melita have too much skill to allow Melita to stop them and we tip a Melita win, 3-1.

Avala and Arncliffe meet at Knight Park on Sunday, but there is little hope for either club to make the top four.

Avala slipped to sixth position, five points adrift of Canterbury, while Arncliffe are a further two points behind.

The Scots won a valuable point from Canterbury on the weekend and they could get another one here.

We tip a 2-2 draw.

Sutherland and Ku-ring-gai are both looming close to the edge of the relegation area and will be desperate for points in this match.

Ku-ring-gai's poor form is strange as they have many talented and experienced players.

Sutherland still haven't been able to recover from the near wholesale departure of their youngsters and are nowhere near the force they were in 1979.

We feel Ku-ring-gai might be able to snatch both points in a 2-0 win.

Croatia's bid to whittle down Canterbury's hold on fourth spot continues.

Croatia have two games in hand over the Berries and that four-point gap look perilously close to being wiped out.

The champions take on North Sydney this week and should register a win.

Marijan Kovacic, perhaps one of the most under-rated strikers in Sydney soccer, has been in magical form recently and has been scoring goals with great elegance.

Croatia are playing well enough to warrant a Top Four place and Canterbury will have to pull their socks up to avoid being dumped.

In this game though, we tip Croatia to beat Norths 2-0.

Struggling Manly, who looked set to move off the bottom, are once again sole occupiers of the position.

This week they play Canterbury and can have little hope of a respite from a string of losses.

Canterbury must win this to stave off Croatia's challenge and we feel they have a powerful enough attack to pierce Manly's defence.

We tip a Canterbury win 3-1.

Parramatta should have more motivation for a win, but Bankstown's unpredictable form makes judging the result almost impossible.

Both teams are in the doldrums, though Bankstown have the better chance of scoring goals.

For this reason I feel they may take both points in a 1-0 win.

PARRAMATTA v INTER-MONARO 2-2(1-1)

Relegation threatened Parramatta City twice came from behind to snatch a valuable point against Monaro in a scrappy game at Garside Park.

In drizzling rain Monaro handled the conditions slightly better, but lack of finishing power cost them both points as they frittered away chances.

Bobby Noble, playing deep behind the forwards, scored both goals and was the inspiration in a team which seemed to lack cohesion particularly up front.

Noble scored from a penalty after a controversial decision and then again with a superb header from a freekick by Crawford.

But Nelson Brizuela swept Parramatta back into the game and provided two precision passes which resulted in both equalisers.

The first first was a great cutback from the byline to Peter Roden who scored with an angled shot and the other to Mark Fisher whose shot placed well wide of Antonopoulos.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 4, McKenzie 3, Bigland 4, Bates 3, Lackey 4, Forwood 4, Fisher 3, Roden 4, Mitchell 3, Stevenson 3, Brizuela 4.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 4, Crawford 4, Charles 4, Noble 4, Santolin 4, Falzon 3, Lawler 3, Valeri 3, Link 2, Reis 3 (Arquero 80m), Trajanoski (Heywood 58m).

Goals: 0-1 Noble (34m, pen.), 1-1 Roden (42m), 1-2 Noble (63m), 2-2 Fisher (73m).
Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 200.

— C. Spiteri

MANLY v OLYMPIC 1-4(0-0)

Sydney Olympic took their time before they got the measure of Manly to run out easy 4-1 winners.

The eager Manly forwards had surprisingly little difficulty breeching the suspect Olympic defence and only poor finishing prevented them going in at halftime two goals up.

The persistence of the Olympic forwards paid off after 60 minutes when Graham Jennings accepted a Housseini pass to score with a shot that spun out of the Manly 'keepers hands.

The stubborn resistence of Manly flagged after this set-back and Olympic scored soon after when Peter Hensman finished off a good passing movement.

Olympic went further ahead when Mike Laing followed up from his midfield position and scored with an angled 25-metre drive.

Manly pulled back a goal when David Jack netted a cross from Joe Nawalu but the revival was short-lived as Olympic's replacement Jim Zeros lobbed a shot into the net three minutes later for a 4-1 final scoreline.

MANLY: Dower 2, Wilson 3, Doyle 4, Emery 3, Burchett 2 (Fox 76m), Hardaker 3, Riley 3, (Stuart 64m), Jack 3, Townsend 4, Vale 3, Nawalu 3.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Ankudinoff 3, Palmer 3, Wilson 4, Loxley 4, Cross 4, Hensman 4, Laing 4, Housseini 5, Scott 4, Jennings 3 (Zeros 74m).

Goals: 0-1 Jennings (60m), 0-2 Hensman (65m), 0-3 Laing (70m), 1-3 Jack (77m), 1-4 Zeros (80m).
Referee: A. Owens; **crowd:** 1,429; **cautions:** Jack, Townsend, Palmer.

— A. Henderson

BANKSTOWN v AUBURN 0-2(0-1)

Two defensive blunders by the Bankstown defence enabled Auburn to score a 2-0 victory at the Soccer Centre.

Auburn hit the front in the second minute when they were awarded a penalty.

Bankstown defender Johnny Beater grabbed the ball on the goal-line and the evergreen John McDonald made no mistake with the spot kick, sending the ball into the left corner of the net.

Bankstown can only blame themselves for their defeat as they had plenty of opportunities to win this game but for some horrible finishing by their forwards.

In the 50th minute they had three attempts at goal by Mark Davis, Peter Rae and Dennis Daley who all failed to put the ball into the net.

Auburn hung on to their 1-0 lead until the last minute of the game when another Bankstown blunder presented them with a gift goal.

Peter Rae attempted to pass the ball to his team-mates in the penalty area and had the ball intercepted in a low drive past the 'keeper.

Auburn deserved to win as they played attacking football while Bankstown reversed back to their old hit and rush play.

BANKSTOWN: McKenndrick 3, Thompson 2, Beveridge 3, Beater 3, Lynch 3, Morrison 3, Williams 3, Rea 3, Lembryk 2, Daley 2, Davis 2 (Robertson 71m).

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy 3, Fairclough 3, Dobson 4, McMillan 3, McDonald 3, Quigley 3, McCulloch 3, Ross 2, Martinez 2 (Gibson 54m), McCrannor 3.

Goals: 0-1 McDonald (pen. 2m), 0-2 McCulloch (89m).
Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 351; **caution:** McMillan.

— E. Parsen

CANTERBURY v ARNCLIFFE 1-1(1-0)

Top Four contenders Canterbury-Marrickville were held to a 1-1 draw by Arncliffe Scots at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury scored first in the 28th minute when, against the run of play, Craig Hall fired a loose ball into the net.

The equaliser came in the 81st minute when Andy Tracey scored from close in.

The point was a valuable one for Canterbury who now have a four-point lead over fifth placed Croatia.

Reigning champions Croatia, however, have three matches in hand.

Arncliffe had the chances to win this game as except for the final 20 minutes of the first half they were by far the better side.

However, they missed several chances with the midfield work of John Lee and John Wignall going to waste.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, Sheldrick 3, Laws 2, Penman 4, G. Brown 3, Thompson 3, Williams 4, R. Brown 3 (Cootes 77m), Hall 3, Byles 4, Thamnides 2.

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 3, Ramisch 3, Oldham 4, Doyle 3, Ainslie 3, Lee 5, Wignall 4, Bulloch 3, Montgomery 3, Leak 4, Tracey 3.

Goals: 1-0 Hall (28m), 1-1 Tracey (81m).
Referee: O.Pritchard; **crowd:** 328.

— E. De Mesquita

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STATE LEAGUE

AUGUST 2-3

INTER MONARO	V	MELITA EAG.	SUN., MARCO POLO
SYDNEY OLYM.	V	AUBURN	SUN., PRATTEN PARK
AVALA	V	ARNCLIFFE	SUN., KNIGHT PARK
SUTHERLAND	V	KURINGAI	SUN., SEYMOUR SHAW
CROATIA SYD.	V	NORTH SYD.INT	SUN., KING TOMISLAV
MANLY WARR.	V	CANT.M'VILLE	SUN., CROMER PARK
PARRAMATTA	V	BANKSTOWN	SUN., GARSIDE PARK

Revesby Work.	v	Blacktown City	Sun., Milperra Res.
Polonia	v	Sydney City	Sat., Chopin Park
Yugal	v	Leichhardt	Sun., Concord Oval
Bathurst '75	v	Uni of NSW	Sun., Bathurst Show Gr
Warringah	v	Wollongong	Sun., Narrabeen
Marconi	v	Blacktown Utd.	Sun., Marconi Oval
St.George	v	Belmore	Sun., St.George Stad.
Wollongong	v	Belmore	Sat., Berkely
Blacktown City	v	Leichhardt	Sat., Gabbie
Marconi	v	Yugal	Sat., Marconi

NEXT WEEK

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SUTHERLAND	V	CROATIA SYD.	SUN., SEYMOUR SHAW
AUBURN	V	CANT.-M'VILLE	SUN., MONA PARK
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Wollongong	v	Revesby Work.	Sun., Berkeley Sports
Uni of NSW	v	Polonia	Sun., David Philips
Leichhardt	v	Penrith Utd.	Sat., Lambert Park
BLACKTOWN	V	Sydney City	Sat., Gabbie Stadium
Blacktown Utd.	v	Yugal	Sat., Francis Park
Belmore	v	Bathurst '75	Sat., Blick Oval
St.George	v	Warringah	Sun., St.George Stad.
St.George	v	Uni NSW	Sat., St.George Stad.
Blacktown Utd.	v	Penrith	Sun., Francis Park

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WORLD NEWS

FIFA SEEKS CURE TO FALLING CROWDS

FIFA has sat up and taken notice of the near-disaster of the European Championships in Italy.

The poor standard of the matches and the wretched crowd attendances are taken as a warning for future World Cups.

In an article in FIFA News, assistant secretary general Rene Courte issues a stiff warning to soccer administrators about the lurking dangers.

He writes:

There are certainly responsible persons in football who are better qualified than we are to investigate the causes and look around for new solutions.

We feel, however, that one of the major reasons for the little interest shown by the general public was the direct broadcasting of the matches by TV in the city or region of the match concerned.

Within this context, one cannot avoid making reflections in view of the '82 World Cup in Spain.

The great enthusiasm about football demonstrated by the vast, numberless crowds in Southern European countries seems mainly to be tuned to their own club or national team.

Though non-European teams undoubtedly present an additional attraction at the World Cup, the influence of direct TV broadcasting to the local TV audience in 14 World Cup towns at the next World Cup in Spain is worthwhile considering seriously.

Seen as a whole, it is clear that television represents a considerable contribution to the World Cup receipts.

However, if international tournament football is played before empty rows in the future, TV will no longer be primarily interested in these programmes.

Either the spectators will fill the stadia again if they can pay more attractive entrance tickets or else TV must be requested to pay more, e.g. with an additional clause in the contract specifying that if the stadium is more than two-thirds empty, additional payments must be made.

At the World Cup in Argentina, 78 percent of the available entrance tickets were sold.

As Argentina does not yet have colour television, it was more interesting to follow the event directly in the stadium than in black and white on the TV screen at home.

If, for understandable reasons, entrance tickets cannot be sold at lower prices, one must really consider a blackout in the city or surrounding region of the venue. There, the matches should be broadcast later on.

Courte then deals with another subject: that of the boring, time-wasting soccer which is again becoming a global phenomenon.

He writes:

In our opinion, football technicians and tacticians have another decision to make regarding football's future.

Holding the ball and kicking it sideways and mainly backwards while occasionally attacking certainly does not encourage the crowds to the stadia.

The saying of many coaches that "as long as we are holding the ball, the opponents cannot score a goal" may be relatively correct.

All the same, holding and controlling the ball should be aimed at preparing an attack and at setting off in order to score as many goals as possible and not only at promoting negative, defensive play.

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *Lazio of Italy have also been forcibly relegated to the second division for their involvement in the "Betting Scandal."*

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• *Cruz Azul won the Mexican championship, winning the final 1-0 and 3-0 against Nuevo Leon.*

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• *Argentinian referee Horacio Albart was in charge of a friendly amateur game; several of the players brutally attacked him and Albart, as a result of the punches and kicks, died in hospital.*

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• *With Maradona's arrival most unlikely now, Juventus of Italy are planning to sign another Argentinian "nino de oro" (golden boy), Angel Guillermo Hoyos, 19, from Talleres of Cordoba.*

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• *Fiorentina's international star Antognoni is in trouble: according to the investigation in the "Betting Scandal," he had failed to report a bribe attempt a few months ago.*

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• *A novel idea: the Sheffield United v Wednesday local derby in the League's Cup will start at 11am on August 9, Saturday. Last year the teams met on Boxing Day, also at 11am — and drew a crowd of 49,000.*

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• *Lazio's international striker Giordano is certain to leave and join either AS Roma or AC Milan.*

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• *Sheffield Wednesday, managed by Jackie Charlton, has forked out $220,000 for Nottingham's Stan Bowles.*

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• *Ruben Cano, of Atletico Madrid, has set up a record of dubious distinction: he was sent off five times in the recent season.*

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• *Hans Krankl has finally decided: he will return to Barcelona for two years. The recently appointed manager, Helenio Herrera, resigned last week and the new boss now is former Spain manager Ladislao Kubala.*

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• *Bayern Munchen's Hungarian coach Paul Csernal is determined to reorganise his team's defence — by copying the tight Belgian system seen in the June European Championships.*

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• *The giant former Polish World Cup stopper Jerzy Gorgon has been released by his club, Gornik and joined the Swiss St. Gallen.*

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• *In order to attract larger crowds, Peruvian clubs are arranging treble-headers starting at 2, 4 and 6pm — and all for the price of one, namely about $2.*

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• *Dortmund coach Udo Lattek of Bayern Munchen fame was arrested and fined in Canada for exceeding the speed limit.*

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• *Tottenham's brilliant Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles may leave: Manchester United have offered $1,500,000 for his transfer.*

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• *Some bonus: former German star Heinz Flohe's club will collect $300,000 because of the forced premature retirement of the ex-international.*

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• *You get them where you find them: the crack German club Borussia Monchengladbach have signed Roby Langers, 19, from the Union Club of Luxemburg.*

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• *Oster are leading in the Swedish championship after 14 rounds from Goteborg and Malmo. The Swedes play only in the spring and summer.*

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• *Former Manchester United manager and now director, Matt Busby has suffered a stroke and is paralysed in a hospital.*

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• *FC Koln have signed the Swiss international Rene Botteron for the new season.*

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• *According to a German soccer weekly, their country has only two world class players, Paul Breitner and Karl Heinz Rummenigge, both of Bayern. Modesty will get them everywhere...*

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• *The Yugoslav Branko Oblak, 33, whose contract with Bayern has expired, will play for the second division SJK Kontanz in the future.*

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• *The Italian pro clubs have a collective debt of about $100 million among them. AS Roma leads the "parade" with $7,500,000.*

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• *Poland has beaten Colombia 4-1 in a friendly match in Bogota with Iwan getting a hat-trick.*

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• *Glasgow's famed Hampden Park will be totally rebuilt over the next five years. While work goes on, the stadium's capacity will be reduced from 135,000 to about 50,000.*

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